

Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

Hungary

Reporter:

Ms. Eszter Baranyabán

Institution:

Hungarian Central Statistical Office

I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Hungarian Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Hungarian Central Statistical Office

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Business Statistic Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

10

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Creating framework for economic and social surveys.
Providing statistical information on units and their demographics.

6. Year of establishment of the register

1978

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

1998 (new IT architecture),
2001 (online 'One Window System' for incoming administrative data sources),
2011 (live Enterprise Group Register)

8. Number of active enterprises* in the register at the end of 2015

*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Enterprises:

Legal units:1947122

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2015) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

Creating and implementing the new „business register updating” survey

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We had to find the right questions in order to get useful information from the companies on the linking between them. It was quite difficult to balance between the two intermingling of disciplines such as accuracy and reducing administrative burden. A clear and well-constructed guidance with examples were written to help the organizations understand better our information request. The time schedule of survey process were also prepared where we paid particular attention to the time need of SBS domains in data using.

2. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of "e-mail address for statistical purposes"

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The aim of this project was to implement a special e-mail address for each company in BR called "e-mail address for statistical purposes". An online application tool on the official website of Hungarian Central Statistical Office was prepared, where companies' representatives could register and provide an e-mail address which they are obliged to use for receiving e-mails coming from our office. The application tool was directly connected with BR. We could store the e-mail addresses in BR with their sysdates and historical data, but the project has been postponed until the legal impediment of the procedure is not solved. The method of strong authentication of the legally responsible individuals of companies is in the process of formation.

3. Short title of work which was done

Implementation of new administrative data sources

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We contacted the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary (NTCA) in order to get more information on organizations. We recognized that NTCA is also faced with the challenge caused by the globalization (detection of legal unit's linking). As the outcome of negotiations we receive data on organizations' shares in affiliated undertakings from NTCA. We made the system ready for receiving the related new file structure.

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2016) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Delineation of Enterprises

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Implementing Enterprise unit into BR is our main challenge. Describing the process model on how to create and maintain the new unit type is still under development. The data sources should be prioritized. The cases that need special attention (manual checking) should be unequivocal defined and the number of them should be kept to a minimum. Further decisions are also necessary on the proper handling of the non-additive variables of Enterprises.

2. Short title of work planned

Implementation of online connection between BR and Register of Addresses

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

The Register of Addresses is a basic system of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office to keep record of the most complete and actual Hungarian addresses in a standardized structure based on available data sources. Our plan is to make an online connection between BR and the Register of Addresses next year. Thanks to this project all of the BR addresses will be automatically checked and corrected (if needed) by an application which uses the database of the Register of Addresses.

3. Short title of work planned

Implementation of a "query" application tool into BR

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

BR is often used by colleagues to gain information in a special structure. The queries can be too complex and they need SQL knowledge. "Query" application tool will help users to make their own queries in an easy and automatic way without any SQL knowledge. The application should be designed to meet the needs of BR and users.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Delineation of Enterprises

Description of the challenge

The quality of methods used for emerging legal units into enterprises is a crucial factor. Elaborating methodological issues such as manual versus automatic methods, updating procedures.

2. Main challenge 2

Follow up user needs

Description of the challenge

External and internal users have different needs. BR team should understand these needs and translate them into IT specifications.

3. Main challenge 3

Harmonizing SBS and BD (based on BR) data

Description of the challenge

Screening manually the differences in case of those variables which are provided by both domains (BD, SBS). Looking behind the numbers and search for the causes which generate the differences.